

UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 2:57 a.m., Friday, August 9, 2019 on northbound Philadelphia Pike in the area of Princeton Ave., in Claymont.

The initial investigation has determined that a 47 year old Claymont man, was a pedestrian who was walking northbound on the sidewalk in front of the Burger King, located at 2911 Philadelphia Pike. The sidewalk is located to the west of the southbound lanes of Philadelphia Pike. A 2014 Chrysler 200, operated by an 18 year old man, also from Claymont, was traveling northbound on Philadelphia Pike in the area of Princeton Ave. For an undetermined reason the Chrysler drifted to the left and traveled across the southbound lanes of Philadelphia Pike and then continued onto the sidewalk at which time it struck the pedestrian. After being struck the pedestrian was thrown into a retaining wall located on the Burger King property, where he came to rest.

The Chrysler continued in a northerly direction travelling up an embankment which caused it to overturn. The Chrysler remained in motion, striking a utility pole and a second embankment at which time it went airborne before coming to rest on its left side in the parking lot of a business located at 2999 Philadelphia Pike.

The male pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Chrysler was not injured. Speed is being considered as a contributing factor in the crash, impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and any one with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

Philadelphia Pike between Commonwealth Blvd. and Harvey Rd. was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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